

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Mr. Glatfelter on 50 years of commendable service in the insurance industry, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the neighborhoods of York County.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH OF CUTCHOGUE

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the historical development of the First Baptist Church of Cutchogue. In 1924, a small dedicated group of members met in a little school house on Oregon Road in Cutchogue Long Island, under the leadership of Reverend E.A. Green. There, a foundation of faith was laid and dreams of things bigger and better began.

In no time at all the church began to flourish. The members established a board of deacons, trustee board, missionary society, and a senior choir. The little school house was no longer able to hold all of God's people. The trustees believed in the Baptists and were willing to do something to help. On December 15, 1925 they purchased a quarter of an acre of land on Middle Road from Frank and Anna McBride for the amount of \$866.00. The deed was signed by trustees William Brown, Gilbert Davis, Kelsy Cosby, Anderson Cook, and John Jacobs. The little church wasn't little anymore.

Thanks to the trustees and the dedicated members, the beliefs of the Baptists were kept alive and the followers were strong and numerous. This success can in part be attributed to the dedicated pastors who provided guidance, patience, and support to their congregation and the community.

Present pastor, Rev. Cornelius Fulford blessed the followers with his wisdom, grace, and mercy when he took over the responsibility of the church in 1989. Pastor Fulford realizes how important children are to the church and he focuses on programs like Bible study, C.C.C. Choir, and the junior usher board. His preaching, teaching, and reaching out strengthened the bonds between the followers and provided them with the leadership they need to continue to grow as a congregation and as a society.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to have the First Baptist Church of Cutchogue and its members as one of our Eastern Long Island neighbors. This blessed church and its members learned that with hard work and perseverance, anything is possible in the Name of the Lord. The dedication of the clergy and congregation deserve our acknowledgement. I thank you for joining with me in their praise and recognition.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY GAMBLE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Mr. Jerry Gamble. Jerry will be honored by the Joseph M. Pizza Asso-

ciation of Northern New Jersey for his long and distinguished service as a dedicated law enforcement officer on Sunday, November 2, 1997.

Jerry was born in Paterson, the son of James and June Gamble. He received his education in the Haledon School System and is a graduate of the Technical and Vocational High School. Later, he attended William Paterson College. Quickly becoming a success in the law enforcement field, Jerry went back to school to further his occupational knowledge by attending management programs at Rutgers University.

Jerry's career has been one of consistent success and a prestigious line of promotions. Jerry joined the Borough of Haledon's police force in 1966 as a special police officer. Promoted to the rank of full police officer in 1970, Jerry made sergeant 7 years later. In 1982, he was promoted to captain. Five years later, in March of 1987, Jerry was named Haledon's chief of police.

Success in his professional life has also been accompanied by personal triumphs. Jerry and his wife, the former Geri Castello, are the proud parents of daughter Lindsey Marie Gamble. Throughout the Borough of Haledon and the surrounding communities, Jerry is well known as a giving man with an extensive love of family, people, and children.

Keeping pace with his outstanding career, Jerry has also been active in a number of charitable and service-oriented organizations. He has demonstrated a unique capacity for leadership, serving as the president of the Passaic County Police Chiefs Association and as the first vice-president of the Passaic County 200 Club. Jerry is also a member of PBA-349, the New Jersey State Chief of Police Association, the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the Italian American Police Officers Association, the New Jersey/New York Honor Legion, and the Haledon Business and Economic Development Association.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Police Chief Jerry Gamble's significant and outstanding services to Haledon and the greater Passaic County community, would you join me, our colleagues, Chief Gamble's family, and the law enforcement community of Passaic County in congratulating him on this impressive honor.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR
SHYAMALA B. COWSIK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Ambassador Shyamala B. Cowsik, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Washington. During Ambassador Cowsik's tenure in Washington, economic, political, and social relations between the United States and India continued to grow.

She has played an important role in improving relations between the United States and India. Ambassador Cowsik represented the interests of India not only in Washington but also throughout the United States. As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Indian and Indian-Americans, I had an opportunity to work with her closely on several occasions.

Her good work contributed to more Members of this body becoming aware of the importance of a strong U.S.-Indo relationship. Members of the Indian-American community in my district and in New Jersey spoke highly of their dealings with the Ambassador and the service they received from the Mission.

Ambassador Cowsik has had a long and distinguished career in India's Foreign Service, and she is one of its highest serving women. Previously, she served in the Philippines, Thailand, and the former Yugoslavia. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating her for her service to India and Indian-Americans, and in wishing her success in her new position as Ambassador to Cyprus.

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF
JOHN N. STURDIVANT, NATIONAL
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (AFGE)

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a great labor leader, a great citizen, and a great man, John N. Sturdivant. John Sturdivant was president of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), one of the largest Federal unions, which has about 178,000 active members in 1,100 locals and represents about 600,000 workers in 68 Federal agencies. Through all the Congressional debate about the role and responsibilities of the Federal Government, one person was always there ensuring that U.S. tax dollars were not wasted and that vital public services were not lost. He was a watchdog against inefficiency and a champion of worker and human rights.

Mr. Sturdivant, a full partner in President Clinton's efforts to reinvent government, knew Americans wanted a more effective government. His efforts have made AFGE a leader in overcoming the Federal bureaucracy and achieving results. He combated the notion that workers are part of the problem when it comes to increasing government efficiency. Thanks to leaders like John Sturdivant, front-line workers are perceived as the solution and AFGE members are bringing about important changes in the way the Federal Government operates.

During the 1995 and 1996 Government shutdowns, intensive work by Mr. Sturdivant and AFGE secured important public support for the hundreds of thousands of Government employees who were locked out of their jobs or forced to work without pay. As a result of AFGE's comprehensive campaign, strong public pressure was brought to bear on an intractable Congress, ending the shutdowns and returning Federal employees to work with the guarantee of back pay.

As a key member of the National Partnership Council led by Vice President Al Gore, Mr. Sturdivant has helped agencies like Veterans Affairs and Social Security, once plagued with adversarial labor relations, improve customer service and save taxpayers' money.

The changes his leadership brought to the Federal workplace have not only given workers a greater voice on the job, but also removed the roadblocks which prevented them